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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

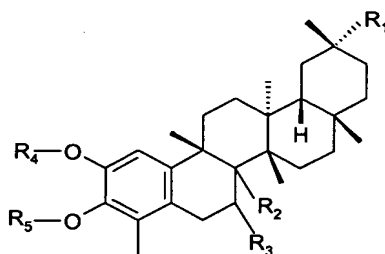
Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 6: Cancelled.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A method for treating inflammatory diseases responsive to heat shock proteins in a warm-blooded animal which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula **III**



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wherein R_1 is H, CH_2OH , $COOH$, CH_2OCOR , where R is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyalkenyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkenyl or amino alkyl,

wherein R_2 and R_3 are individually H or OH or together a double bond or epoxide; and

wherein R_4 and R_5 are H, lower acyl, or together a substituted or unsubstituted methylene or ethylene, $-C_9-$, $-COCO-$ or SO_2- .

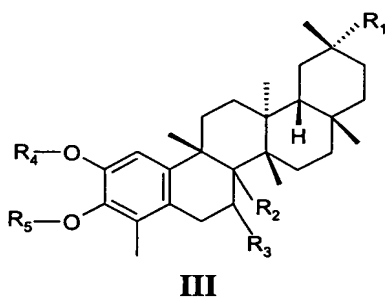
Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method as recited in Claim 9 wherein in the compound of formula III,

- R_1 is $COOH$
- R_2 and R_3 are together a double bond, and

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- R₄ and R₅ are each acetyl.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A method for treating neurodegenerative disease responsive to heat shock proteins in a warm blooded animal which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula **III**



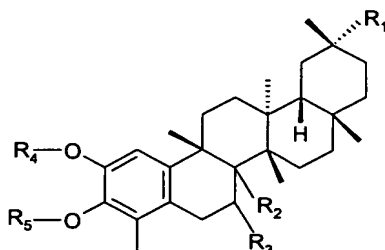
- wherein R₁ is H, CH₂OH, COOH, CH₂OCOR wherein R is C-1 to C-12 alkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyalkenyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, alkoxycarboylalkenyl or aminoalkyl;
- wherein R₂ and R₃ are individually H or OH, or together a double bond or epoxide; and
- wherein R₄ and R₅ are individually H, lower acyl, or lower alkyl, or together are a substituted or unsubstituted methylene or ethylene, -CO-, -COCO-, or -SO₂-.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method as recited in claim 11 wherein the compound of formula **III**

- R₁ is COOH
- R₂ and R₃ are together a double bond, and
- R₄ and R₅ are each acetyl.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A method for treating neoplastic disease responsive to heat shock proteins in a warm blooded animal which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula **III**

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- wherein R₁ is H, CH₂OH, COOH, CH₂OCOR wherein R is C-1 to C-12 alkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyalkenyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkenyl or aminoalkyl;
- wherein R₂ and R₃ are individually H or OH, or together a double bond or epoxide; and
- wherein R₄ and R₅ are individually H, lower acyl, or lower alkyl, or together are a substituted or unsubstituted methylene or ethylene, -CO-, -COCO-, or -SO₂-.